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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.112

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Official Action of August 5, 2005, in which a three-month shortened statutory period for response was set to expire on November 5, 2005 and for which a Request for Extension of Time is being filed concurrently herewith, setting the period for response to expire on January 5, 2006, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections in view of the herein contained amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this Response.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this Response.